

Firearms and Target Shooting on BLM Lands within the Moab Field Office Area

Firearm Possession

Federal law permits people who can legally possess firearms under applicable Federal, state and local laws to legally possess firearms on BLM-managed public lands. It is the responsibility of visitors to understand and comply with all applicable Federal, state and local firearms laws.

Target Shooting

There are no designated target shooting areas on BLM lands within the Moab Field Office. BLM policy is to allow the safe use of firearms on public lands, as provided for in state law, and to cooperate with state authorities in the enforcement of firearms regulations. There are many places where you can legally and safely shoot, but there are things you should know and regulations that must be followed:

Do Not Shoot:

- within ½ mile of any developed or non-developed campground
- towards a developed or non-developed campground
- across a road or trail of any type
- across a body of water, including a river or stream
- into a body of water, including a river or stream
- within ½ mile of a developed recreation site, parking lot or boat ramp
- toward a developed recreation site, parking lot or boat ramp
- at trees, natural objects, signs, kiosks, trash containers, buildings or other property
- at wildlife or domestic animals
- household appliances or other objects dumped in a shooting area
- tracer or incendiary ammunition
- at exploding or incendiary targets
- into caves

Do:

- follow Utah state, city and county laws concerning the safe and legal use of weapons and ammunition; for Utah state laws, refer to: <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/bci/FirearmLaws.html>
- make sure there is an embankment or hill behind your target
- use only appropriate targets
- pick up spent cartridges or shotgun shells
- use biodegradable clay pigeons